

required a substitute specification. A substitute specification will be submitted at a later date.

In the Office Action of February 5, 1996, issued in parent application Serial No. 08/139,904, the Examiner indicated that he was of the opinion that the parent application contained claims directed to the following six patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- A. Species of Fig. 4
- B. Species of Fig. 5
- C. Species of Fig. 14
- D. Species of Fig. 17
- E. Species of Fig. 22
- F. Species of Fig. 24

The Examiner required the applicants to elect one of these six species for prosecution on the merits, and indicated that he was of the opinion that no claim was generic.

In the response of March 1, 1996, filed in parent application Serial No. 08/139,904, the applicants traversed the requirement for an election of species, but provisionally elected with traverse species A for prosecution on the merits, with claims 1-16 being readable thereon.

In the Office Action of May 15, 1996, issued in parent application Serial No. 08/139,904, the Examiner maintained the requirement for an election of species and withdrew claims 17-34 from consideration, stating:

Applicant's election with traverse of the invention elected in Paper No. 10 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that applicant considered that no other patentably distinct species is considered to be present by Examiner. This is not found persuasive because claims 17-34 are directed to twelfth embodiment (figure 22) of this instant

application. The requirement is still deemed proper.

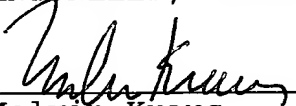
Claims 17-34 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected species, the requirement having been traversed in Paper No. 10.

The applicants hereby expressly withdraw their election of species A in parent application Serial No. 08/139,904 insofar as the election may be deemed to be applicable to the present Rule 62 divisional application, and by the present amendment the applicants have cancelled claims 1-5 and 7-16, which are all of the remaining claims which were readable on species A. The only claims which are now pending in the present Rule 62 divisional application are claims 17-34.

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